GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Approval to New NPPS
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals finalised and approved for setting up of new Nuclear Power Plants (NPPs) during the last two years and the current year;

(b) whether the Central Public Sector Companies are being involved in the generation of nuclear power and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to allow private sector also to enter into the nuclear power sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the expected capacity of power generation likely to be met through the private sector?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (Dr. JITENDRA SINGH):

(a) In the last two years, one nuclear power project i.e Gorakhpur Haryana Anu Vidyut Pariyojna Units-1&2 (GHAVP 1&2 - 2x700 MW) was accorded financial sanction and administrative approval.

(b) Yes, Sir. At present two public sector companies, Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) and Bharatiya Nabhikiya Vidyut Nigam Limited (BHAVINI) are setting up nuclear power plants in the country. The government has amended the Atomic Energy Act-1962 to enable participation of other Public Sector companies in nuclear power generation by setting up Joint Venture (JV) companies with NPCIL and BHAVINI.

(c)&(d) There is no proposal under consideration at present, to allow private partnership in the nuclear power generation sector. The Atomic Energy Act, 1962 permits private participation in setting up of nuclear power plants as a junior equity partner of a Government company. At present companies in private sector in India are participating in a major way in setting up nuclear power plants through supply of components, equipment and works contracts.

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